In the Specification: Please replace Paragraph XXV with the following replacement paragraph:

XXV. Turning to the alternative embodiment of FIG. 3, it will also be recognized by those skilled in the art that the transmissive sensor 105, shown including light emitter 121 and light detector 122, and associated reflective 115 element and absorptive element 117 can be built into upper and lower paper guides 111,113, respectively, in the paper path 109 of a hard copy apparatus structure 300 (or be mounted elsewhere upstream of the printing zone 102 of the hard copy apparatus). Line 303 represents a leading sheet of media and line 305 represents a trailing sheet of media having been brought to this stage of the input paper path 109 by the transport mechanism 103 (in fact, the sheets are in at least partial contact with the guides 111, 113). No paper is in the light beam 301 and the full intensity of the light hits the reflecting element 115 and absorptive element 117 associated with the sensor 105 when a sensor-size defined gap "G," between a first sheet 303 (having a trailing edge 303') and a second sheet 305 (having a leading edge 305') in the paper path 109 passes the sensor.